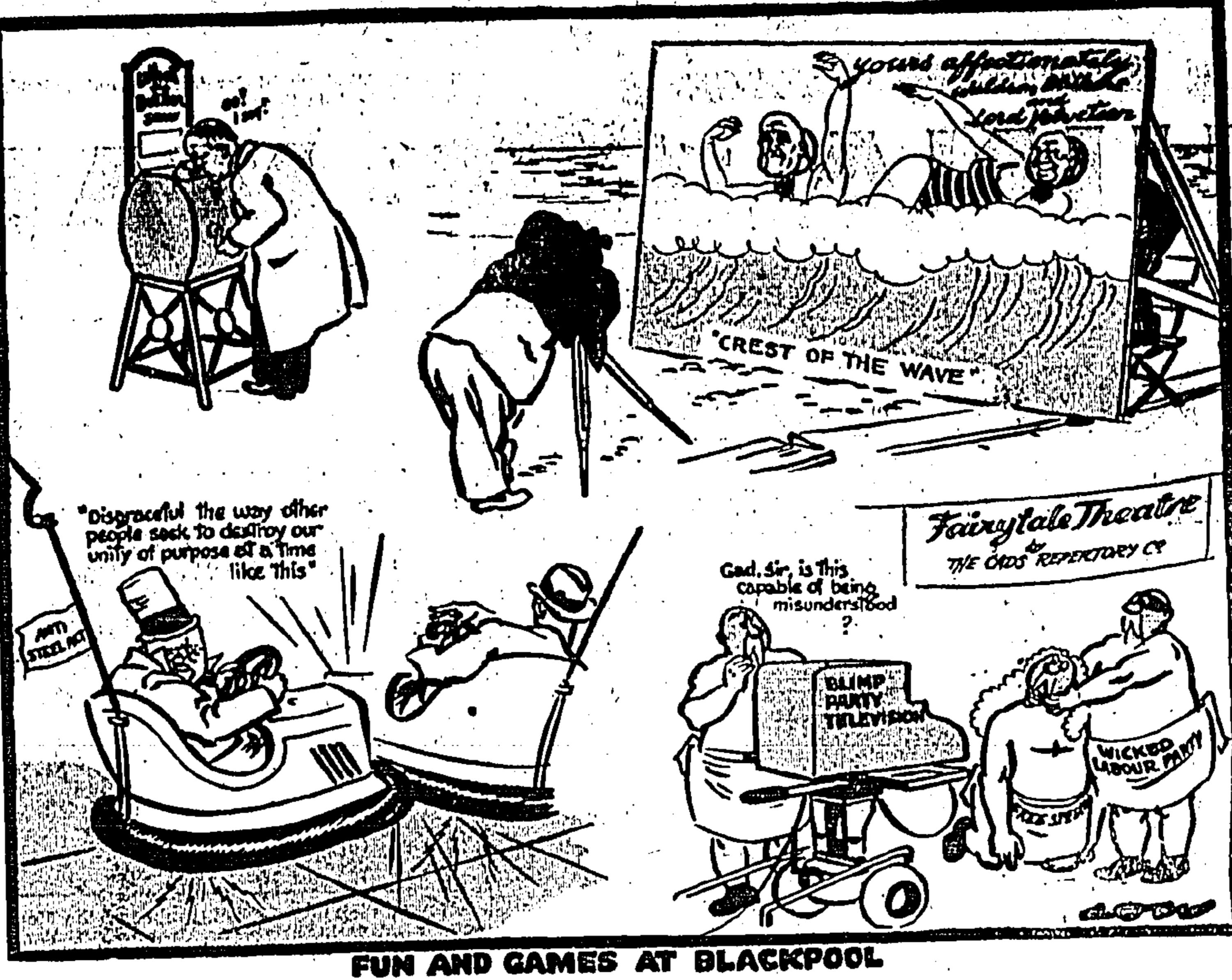




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Kremlin Banking On Republican Election Victory

Washington, Oct. 31. American diplomats wondered on Tuesday if the Kremlin possibly has decided the Republicans are going to win the November elections.

That was one explanation suggested here for the otherwise incomprehensible move by Mr Jacob Malik, Russia's United Nations representative, to assure the State Department consultant, Mr John Foster Dulles, that the United States had nothing to fear from Russia.

Mr Dulles, a Republican who has been branded an arch-capitalist by Moscow, got the full "peace" treatment from Mr Malik at private talk in New York last week. The gathering in Mr Dulles' apartment was called to discuss the Japanese peace treaty.

Unofficial reports indicated the treaty talks did not get far, but that Mr Malik gave the American a lecture on Russia's aims. He was reported to have said: "The United States is unduly afraid of Russia. You do not have to fear Russian Communism. It is not for export. It is kept at home."

COLD WAR TALK

According to responsible sources here, Mr Dulles read to Mr Malik from Stalin's "Essays on Leninism" to establish the expansionist nature of the Communist movement. Reports reaching here indicate the two and a half hour talk touched on various Soviet cold war manoeuvres since World War II.

Mr Malik was said to have indicated these may have stemmed from misunderstanding. His argument was that certain "power vacuums" were left in strategic parts of the world and that United States efforts to move into them and establish bases worried Moscow.

According to informed sources, Mr Dulles replied the United States did not move into any trouble area unless the Russians had already done so or threatened to.

The talks also were said to have touched on Soviet-American trade, which is at an all-time low. Mr Malik asked if American capitalists would be willing to trade with "Soviet Union" without exorbitant profits, and Mr Dulles replied, "of course."

UNIMPRESSED

The State Department received a long report from Mr Dulles but refused to comment on the exchange of views. American diplomats said privately however they were unimpressed. They said American policy toward Russia remained the same and it would take actions and not words to convince the United States that Russia really wants peace.—United Press.

Pandora's Box Taken By Thief

Munich, October 31. Somebody stole a sack and a big cardboard box from a parked car on Tuesday.

Two hours later the police issued a city-wide alarm. The two parcels contained 80 deadly South American snakes.—United Press.

Sheffield "Peace" Congress

London, Oct. 31. Final plans for the Communist-backed World Peace Congress, opening in Sheffield on November 18, were drawn up at a meeting in Prague last week-end, according to British delegates who are back in London today.

The organisation of the Congress proceedings shifted to Prague after the British Government banned foreign members of the World Peace Movement Executive from meeting in London for the preliminary planning.

Soviet, French, Italian, American, Chinese, Indian, German and British delegates attended the Prague conference.

The Sheffield Congress will be asked to decide on future action on the following points:

1.—The abolition of atomic and other weapons of mass destruction.

2.—The limitation of all armaments.

3.—A denunciation of aggression and "armed intervention".

4.—The prohibition of war propaganda, and

5.—Support for "all" proposals to settle the Korean question by peaceful means, and the mass bombing, and to reach an agreement through the Security Council after both sides are heard.

The British Peace Committee, which is preparing the working arrangements for the Congress, is still waiting to hear whether British visas have been granted for the 2,100 delegates invited from 120 countries.—Reuter.

Cynical Story Of Alleged Murderer

Brussels, Germany, Oct. 31. Rudolf Pleil, aged 26, a former German policeman who is charged here with 10 murders, claimed today: "I am allowed to kill because my conscience dictates it."

He was answering questions by medical experts at the second day of his hearing here.

He left the dock without being required to make any plea, under German law. He admitted "great pleasure" in killing and maiming animals as a child. He offered to extort a confession of complicity from his co-defendant, Karl Hoffman, who, he said, "was not similarly privileged to kill."

The Court declined the offer.

Stocky, smiling Pleil, who yesterday admitted a hitherto undiscovered murder, is alleged to have confessed to killing 20 people in an ill-written diary containing obscene passages.

"I am quite satisfied that the Prime Minister is indulging his personal power, in these matters in a manner most harmful to the community and to all the large, enduring interest of the nation."

The police said that Pleil dismembered his victims.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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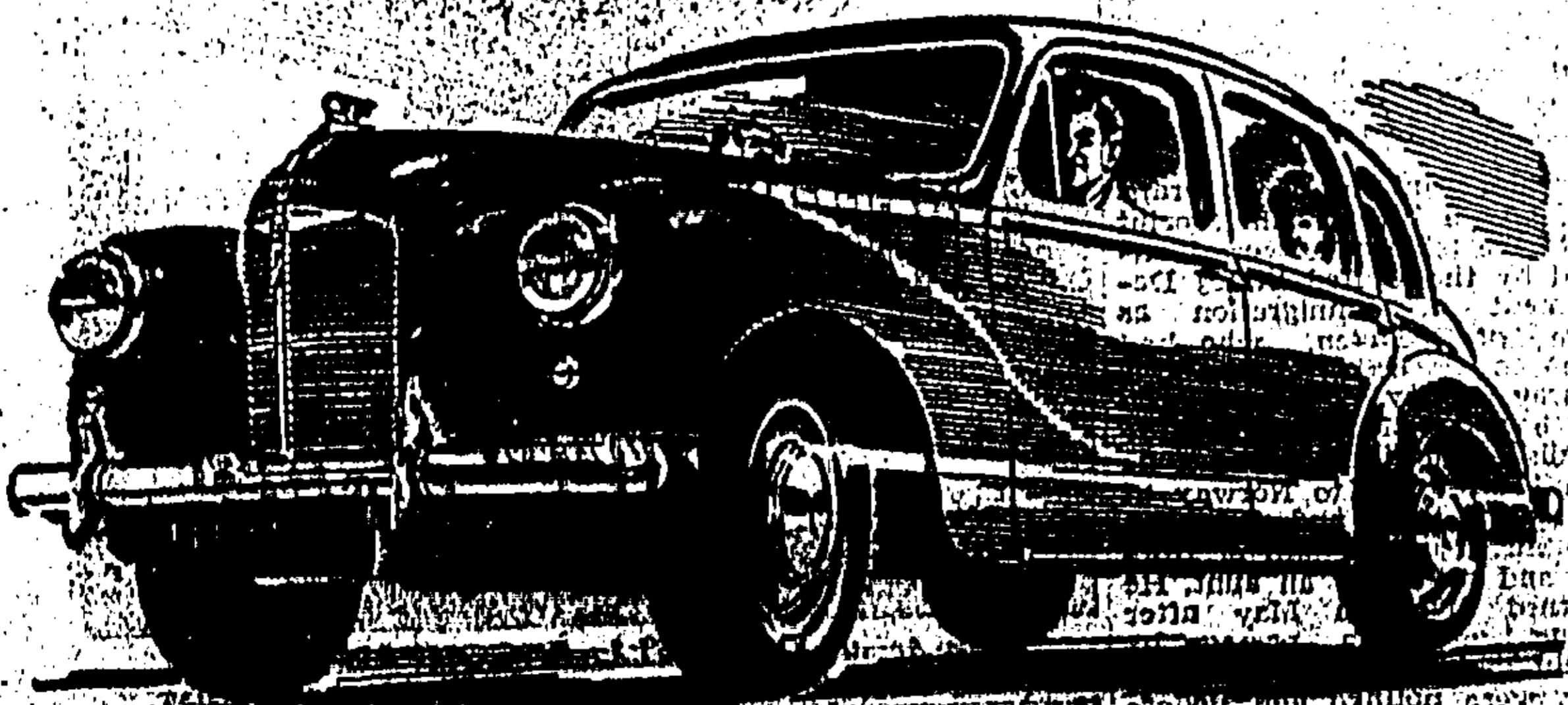
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Tibet Ruler Asks India For Sanctuary

New Delhi, Oct. 31. Indian Government sources revealed today that the Dalai Lama, 15-year-old spiritual and temporal ruler of 3,000,000 Tibetans, has asked the Indian authorities for refuge for himself and his government.

The Dalai Lama is reported to be planning to flee to Lhasa, his capital, as Chinese Communist troops drive through heavy snows and across precipitous mountains only 150 miles away.

Communist China, in its protest to India's protest, said: "This affair," and Chinese troops were merely sent as a security measure to defend China's own territory.

Secondly, the Chinese move was aimed at thwarting military intervention by a foreign power.—United Press.

Dullness In Cotton

New York, Oct. 31. New dullness appeared in cotton raw goods and the market developed at a slow pace. Opinion held that buyers and sellers are comparatively quiet at present, awaiting further developments. The Washington said the Munitions Board has set November 10 as the deadline for the military services to supply a detailed estimate of their cotton requirements in United States.

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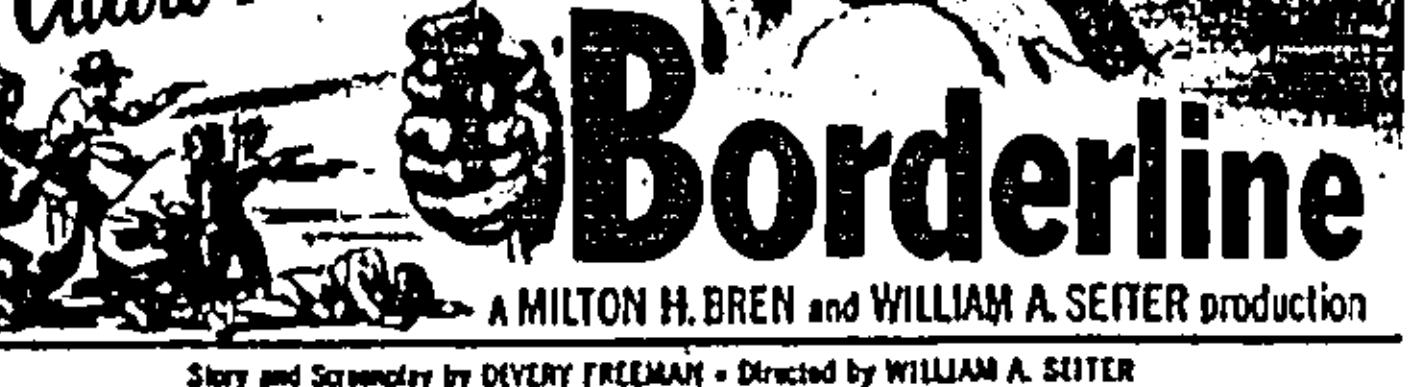
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INDIAN SILENCE ON THE TIBET ISSUE

New Delhi, Oct. 31. China has told India that since it is willing to hold peace talks with the Tibetans but that the matter is a domestic one admitting of no foreign interference, according to well informed quarters here today.

The Peking authorities, in their reply which was received here today to India's note of "surprise and regret" at the movement of their troops into Tibet, reiterated their stand that Tibet is an integral part of China, it was believed.

They expressed willingness to receive the official Tibetan delegation now in India on the way to China to seek a peaceful settlement of the issue and added that their action in sending troops into the country was "pre-judicial activities" on the part of certain foreign powers.

The Indian Government, studying the reply here today, remained silent on its contents.

CRITICISM IN PEKING

Chinese Government circles in Peking were also silent, it was reported here. Unofficial circles there were said to be critical at the references in India to the Tibetan operations as an "invasion."

News of the "liberation" campaign was still blacked out in the Chinese press.

The Chinese reply was handed to the Indian Ambassador in Peking, Dr. Parikh, after long talks at the Chinese Foreign Ministry.—Reuter.

Malik Loses In Assembly Resolution

Flushing Meadow, Oct. 31. The General Assembly today defeated a Soviet move to defer consideration of the proposal to reappoint Mr Trygve Lie as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Immediately the Assembly convened the Soviet delegate, Mr Jacob Malik, said that as there was no recommendation from the Security Council on the appointment of a Secretary-General, it was illegal to include the matter in the General Assembly agenda.

He moved a formal resolution to defer consideration of the question and to ask the Security Council to take up the question again.

The Soviet motion was defeated by 45 votes to five with nine abstentions.

Mr Lie's term of office as Secretary-General expires in February. A proposal that his term should be extended was approved by nine members of the Security Council but this was vetoed by the Soviet Union. Since then the Council has held several meetings on the matter without reaching a decision.—Reuter.

RETURNS TO COLONY

Mr S. C. Onsager returned to the Colony yesterday by the ms. Hal Hing.

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AGITATION IN U.S. FOR JAPAN PEACE

New York, Oct. 31. The time has come to restore Japan to a full place in the world family of nations and to end the Occupation, Mr William Draper, Jr., Vice-President of the Dillon Read Company, asserted today.

Addressing the second day session of the 37th National Foreign Trade Convention here, Mr Draper told nearly 2,000 American businessmen, "The time has come — indeed it is long past — to recognise formally that we are at peace with Japan and to turn back sovereignty to her own government.

"Japan has faithfully carried out every obligation of the surrender document and she is now legally and morally entitled to re-enter the community of nations.

"The time has come not only to end the Occupation but to recognise close commercial interests and to establish true partnership between the United States and Japan.

"Nations of the British Commonwealth agreed months ago that a peace treaty with Japan was overdue. If any other country is not yet prepared to make peace on fair or reasonable terms, we should wait no longer. After Korea we cannot continue to let Russia call the tune."

Lieutenant Crowley, in evidence, said that after a series of flying accidents he "began actively to dislike flying".

He was away from flying for two years. When he returned he suffered from tenses in the air. He was confident that he had identified both the target and the towing craft.—Reuter.

MIRACULOUS CHANGE

"Four men are primarily responsible for the miraculous change that has energised and stabilised the Japanese economy so quickly. Two are Americans and two are Japanese.

"General MacArthur personally issued the stabilisation direction and has supported and enforced its objectives without compromise. Mr Joseph Dodge's financial techniques stopped inflation in the tracks despite all opposition.

"The programme could never have been successful without the continuous co-operation of Japanese government."

Mr Draper paid tribute to Premier Shigeru Yoshida and Minister of Finance Hayato Ikeda for making the Allied programme a success.—United Press.

A second stone jar containing mustard gas has been dug up.

The area has now been neutralised and is being watched by the police.—Reuter.

Stan Laurel's Condition

Paris, October 31. The condition of comedian Stan Laurel, recuperating in the American Hospital in Paris after an operation for an abscess, was reported today "fairly good."

An official at the hospital said Laurel was tired, "but his condition is fairly good."—Associated Press.

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NAVY WOULDN'T TRAIN ON TRICYCLES

By Peter Lovegrove

THE use of tricycles instead of ships for the instruction of naval officers in manoeuvring fleets, to avoid the "costly expenditure of coal," was recommended to the Admiralty seventy years ago.

This original idea came from Lieutenant Crawford Caffin, Senior Lieutenant of HMS Zealous. He proposed the construction of dummy ships, made of a light material and mounted on "velocipedes" or tricycles, which would be operated on a piece of level ground by the Officers taking part. Rubber or cork rams were to be provided "to withstand the shock of collisions."

The scheme caught the fancy of Vice-Admiral A. Farquharson, then flying his flag in the Zealous, but not that of the traditionally conservative Lords of the Admiralty, for in a minute or two the document, one of these Rear-Admiral Seymour, comments: "ingenious, perhaps, but slightly conducive to ridicule if practised in public."

It remained in the Naval records, however, and is now on public view for the first time with similarly fascinating glimpses into the Royal Navy's past at the Public Record Office in London.

Grog introduced

Another document deals with the introduction of grog by Vice-Admiral Edward Vernon in the West Indies in 1740. The Admiral, much concerned at his sailors "stupefying themselves with 'spirituous Liquors,'" issued an order laying down that

"Whereas . . . the pernicious Custom of the Seamen Drinking their Allowance of Rum in Drums, and often at once, is attended by many fatal Effects to their Morals as well as their Health . . . the daily allowance of half a pint a man is to be mixed with a quart of water . . . to be mixed in one Scuttle. But kept for that purpose and to be done upon Deck, and in the Presence of the Lieutenant of the Watch," who is to see that the men are not defrauded of their allowance of rum: it is to be served in two servings, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The men "that are good husbands may from the Savings of their Salt Provisions and Bread purchase Sugar and Limes to make the water more Palatable to them."

This mixture got its name from the Admiral's nickname of "Old Grog" given him for his habit of wearing a grogram boat-coat.

Captain Kidd

The exhibition reveals that the notorious Captain William Kidd was given in 1696 a special commission under the Great Seal to seize and bring in pirates on the American coast and elsewhere.

The inducements he offered men in New York to join his crew on the galley Adventure included a share of all treasure taken. Any man losing a leg or arm in his services was to have 600 pieces-of-eight while thieves received a short shirt; they were turned ashore in an uninhabited place.

Kidd, however, fell to the lure of piracy himself, and with one of his crew turning King's evidence, he was brought to trial at the Old Bailey a few years later and hanged at Execution Dock.

Yellowing parchments, faded charts and laboriously penned diagrams recall the great battles and pioneering expeditions and

flagships of the high seas, which contrast oddly with their setting in his forbidding building in the autumn gloominess of Chancery Lane.

There is a letter from Sir Francis Drake written on July 31, 1588 during the pursuit of the Spanish Armada stating: "There was never any thing pleased me better than seeing the enemy flying with a soother wynd to the northwards."

The master of the Vanguard describes how "our Red gave them such a hairy welcom which put them out of order and in a small tyme they began to run" at the battle of La Hogue (1692).

There is Rodney's account of the battle of the Saints (1782), which has been called a milestone in Naval History, because it was won by a departure from the then rigid rule that an Admiral should not alter the formation in which he began an action. Rodney, taking advantage of a change of wind, altered the flagship's course and broke into the enemy's line.

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A Milestone

There is also a warrant signed by King James II and countersigned by Samuel Pepys asking the Navy Board to report an invention for transforming salt water into fresh in 1688 submitted by Robert Boyle, the Father of Chemistry! The instrument was an "Iron Body closed with a Head of ye same Matter" within which was "a Metalline Composition" and the inventors claimed that the water thus made was "better than any common Water and very good against ye scurvy."

Sir Walter Raleigh's Fleet Orders for the ill-fated expedition to the Orinoco (1617), which led to his execution . . . accounts for the construction of Portsmouth dry dock in 1495, the first of its kind in England. Its cost: £193. 0s. 6¾d. (including the gate) . . . Vice-Admiral Benbow's evidence at the court-martial of disloyal officers who refused to obey his orders . . . in a sea-fight on the Spanish Main in 1702, which has been immortalised in ballad—Collingwood's general order after Trafalgar (1805): "I have thought proper, that a day should be appointed of general humiliation before God, and thanksgiving for this his merciful Goodness . . . a description of a local riot in the Isle of Man against the brutal activities of the Pressgangs in the 18th Century by Captain Cook and Captain William Bligh of Bounty fame . . . a ballad of the mutineers at the Nore (1797) . . . a letter from Charles Darwin accepting to sail as a naturalist on the Beagle (1831) . . . a supplementary estimate of the cost of the Warrior (1860), the first large ship of the British Navy to be built entirely of iron . . . figures, fighting instructions and signalling systems.

Round Robin

The most humble exhibit is one of the earliest known examples of the use in the Navy of a Round Robin—the device, later very popular with seamen, of putting names to a petition in the form of a circle so as to conceal the order of signing. This was addressed in 1627 to a ship's captain by 78 of his crew who refused to weigh anchor until provisioned, and opens:

"Good Captain to yor words
wee all give care
But wee unpleasing seeme as
wee doe haue . . ."

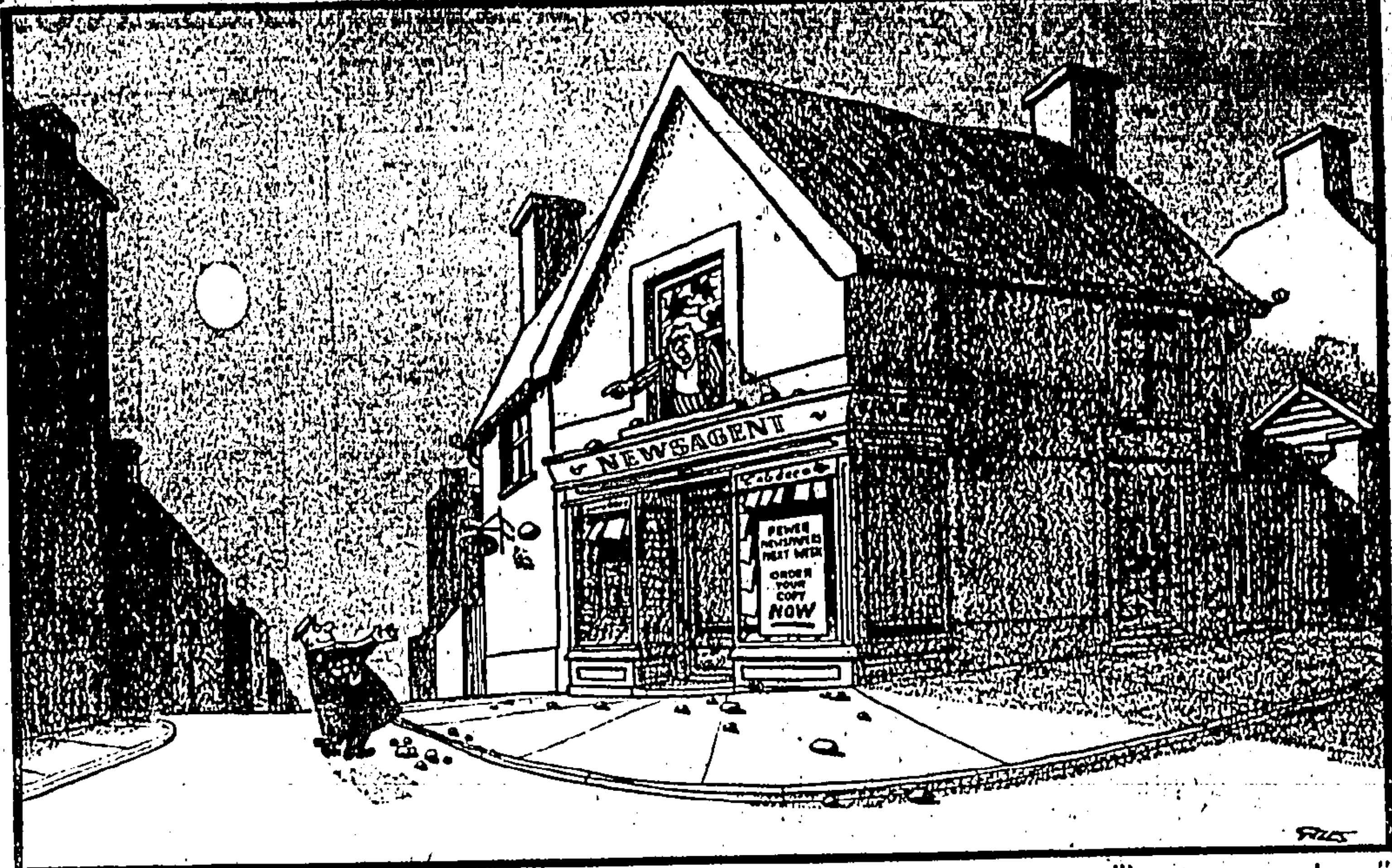
And ends, not without some prudence:

"Unto which sayling wee will all
apply . . ."

Before weel yold wee one and
all will dy
God blesse the kings and sond
him longe to rayne."

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Sitting on the Fence.... by NATHANIEL GUBBING

...works in a Christmas
pudding factory.—News frag-
ment.

CHRISTMAS comes but
once a year
To everyone but me,
They eat their pud; it does
them good
With Christmas cake for
tea.

By Boxing night they've seen
enough
Of turkey, pud and pie . . .
In savage mood I stir the pud
From August to July.

Wild winds of March may howl
outside,
Soft April rain may fall,
The birds of May with love
sow their song
Will charm the ears of all . . .
Of all but me in factory steam
As cauldrons boil and bubble,
In savage mood I stir the pud,
And wish not joy but trouble.

You needn't be personal,
Rover. I'm sorry. But we're
much alike. You also have big
eyes and a long face. And long
ears, too.

Not content with years in
Home Guard when wife was
left alone in air raids while
swashbuckling worm went
round district armed to teeth
frightening neighbours and
pouring money over counters
of low taverns with witty worm
friends, worm has now found
another excuse to show off in
uniform with silly medal ribbons
in front of blonde barmaids.

Wife wouldn't mind so much
if puny, undersized worm didn't
look such a fool in uniform
three sizes too big; or if worm
had brains to become chief
warden like gas manager.

But, as wife sees it, fuddled
worm, his health ruined by
self-indulgence and irregular
meals, bolted like pig at trough
its pockets emptied by cadging
worm friends, will soon be
infuriated neighbours, ordering
them about if trouble comes.

No doubt, of course, worm
thinks of himself as hero, des-
igned to save country from
destruction. No doubt warden
worm, drunk with power, will
inflame neighbours, ordering
them about if trouble comes.

Patriotic gas manager, who
joined Civil Defence at first
appeal, not only has time to
manage gas but has passed all
wardens exams, and is now
chief instructor for whole coun-
try, mixing with tip tops; and

(London Express Service)

So if you eat this Christmas
time,
A pud I might have made,
While you, by stream, reclined
to dream
In drowsy woodland shade,
No blessings shall attend your
board.
No luck shall come your
way . . .
I stirred your pud in savage
mood,
And cursed your Christmas
Day.

That's a foolish worry, Rover.
You know you can have your
girl friends here for tea and
biscuits any time you like.

I know. But they won't
come.

"Won't come, Rover?"

"It's my long, miserable face."

They laugh at it.

There, there, don't cry, Rover.
Girls have always laughed at
my face, too.

Have they?

That's why I'm a bachelor,

Rover.

"I'm so sorry."

So we have one more thing
in common. I'll buy you
another bone, and when you
bury it we'll mark the spot
with a little stick, shall we?

"Oh, thank you. You're so
good to me."

It's nothing between friends,

Rover.

You're not the kind of dog the
doctor ordered, Rover.

I know I'm not. You should
have had a lively, boisterous
little dog, always barking and
eating your bedroom slippers.

I don't like boisterous little
dogs who eat bedroom slippers.

They're not the kind of dog the
doctor ordered, Rover.

Oh, so this is worm's latest
trick to stay out late, is it?

Oh, poor Rover. Anything
else? Yes. But we can't go into
that.

Why not? We're friends,
aren't we? What is it? Girl
trouble?

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When Mr J. T. Haynes, general manager of Wessex Division, Southern Gas Board, went from Poole, Dorset, to Newcastle, he had to leave the gas undertaking's colliers, it gave him an idea.

Why not a holiday "mystery" cruise? With his wife and Mr N. F. Geddes, general manager of No. 4 sub-area, Southern Electricity Board, and Mrs Geddes, he has just returned from a three-week holiday on Bibione, Cadiz, Valencia, Barca, Turquino, Gibraltar and Pacheco.

The trip covered 4,500 miles, no wireless broadcasts to him because of jamming by more than 100 stations.

Among the ports visited were no wireless broadcasts to him because of jamming by more than 100 stations.

They set off without knowing where they were going. captain got his orders to up cargo from port to port.

The four travellers lived on their rations and were completely cut off from the world.

There were no newspapers or wireless broadcasts to him because of jamming by more than 100 stations.

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Paris Designers Go All Out To Please Women

Designed for holding a woman's "secrets" hidden in the "cache-necessaire" worn between the corset and the skin is the speciality of one Paris designer's collection.

ONCE again, the top Paris designers follow the general trend, but each uses his own ideas in interpretation. Each collection really stands alone — and must be considered alone.

SCHIAPARELLI always on top of designers showing spectacular collections, has heaps of striking novelties. Her dresses are miniatures of her wide coats. They are featured in the same material and colour and show the same details. There is a secret in this collection and we were asked to find it. It is a thin wooden plate which gives a flat front. (Worn between the skin and the corset this oval wooden plate is the hidden secret). There are heaps of buttons in the collection, pockets placed in unusual places, called "Cache-necessaire" (hide the necessary), which may contain your secrets, love letters,

FATH introduces this year the "Pillarline" which shows a moulded bust and moulded hips and a very low placed fullness. His mannequins have long hair, pale complexions and look like Russian ballerinas.

CHRISTIAN DIOR's mannequins also have long hair with a new style of "hair-do," a hat, made up in hair, fur or fabric that looks like a little cake placed on the top of the head.

Expert advice given on . . .

How to preserve that glamour in your shoes

By ELEANOR ROSS

BEAUTIFUL shoes will soon be coming into the stores, created to complement the new fashions and to add that certain something to clothes that have already seen some service. Choose the right shoes, the proper heel heights, and then give them the best of care keeping suede, kidskin, calfskin in good condition, the leather soles supple.

In each type of leather has gone the proper type of lubricant. If these lubricants are removed by washing or

Trim Twosome



By GRACE THORNCROFT

BLOND tweed makes a costume skirt that teams up smartly with sweater or blouse. A parade of plastic buttons in brown is half hidden in the inverted box pleat. There are welt seams at the low placed hip pocket and along the outer edge of the front pleat. Brown pearl buttons hold things through flutes (loops). It may be a sweater with or without a edging in brown. A nice selection of separates add to the outfit for business and for everyday wear.

Dresses and coats may be narrow or wide, but they are always beautiful and very ladylike.

BALMAIN dozes his visitors, showing 12 mink coats including white and Royal pale mink. His dresses are simple for daytime and in Genghis Khan's style with rich embroidery for evening. Gloves with flower cuffs become button-hole flowers and umbrellas contain perfume in a ball placed on the top of the handle.

ALWYNNE, two years ago an unknown young man, ranged himself among the top designers and invited us to see his "Fan" effects. This fan, a pleated dress, flares from the knees or starts just below the hip, while the rest of the figure remains moulded. Fur-flowers mixed with sequin embroidery or violets bunched give a charming effect.

High necks won all around enthusiasm in dresses. Most often they are worked with a soft drape through the bodice, as in Dior's crisscross fastened at back. Balenciaga's mandarin neck, variations of turtle neck at Balmain, Helm, and Schiaparelli.

Scarfs come out of bodice virtually everywhere. Stoles are in a widespread revival worn draped high across the front.

Buttons are impressive in opening collections both for their quantity and novelty. Most notable are double-breasted closings to the hem in loose coats, set further apart toward bottom to stress the pyramid shape. The same plot is seen in dresses with double-breasted buttons in back, closest together at the waist line.

Buttons down, side seams and bordering split overskirts or slit hems are also popular.

Novelty types include Schiaparelli's embroidered and bone buttons, and Molyneux's flat, shiny black disc buttons used in vertical rows.

Look younger by trying a new make-up
By HELEN FOLLETT

IT'S fun to experiment with a new make-up pattern. Perhaps you are tired of the carmine you use on your cheeks and the slightly darker pigment with which you tint your mouth parts. If so try a new make-up.

A white-haired woman with clear complexion, had a facial treatment told the operator to lay on the beautifying basic according to her own ideas. She was surprised to find that her skin was flushed over with powder of pinkish lilac which, the operator said, would create a lovely pearly effect in daylight or at night. The rouge and lipstick were of deep, rich reds with a slight lilac cast. A silvery-blue eye shadow was used. Dark blue mascara was applied to the lashes. Each item was used sparingly. A violet nail polish was the last exotic touch.

Tan Fades

As the skin pales, as tan fades away, the powder must be of a lighter tone, preferably a pinky cream. It is only sense to change make-up with the seasons as one's appearance changes.

Orange-breds are young and robust colours, look well on the young face. Older women require rouge and lipstick of softer, more modulated tones and should be stony with these pulchritude aids. Anything applied to a skin that has softened and wrinkled is bound to stand out more boldly than on a skin that is fresh, blooming with vitality and health. There must be the subtle touch. Women of middle age and older cannot be too conservative in the use of make-up. A little will go some of the birthdays away, too much will add years to appearance.

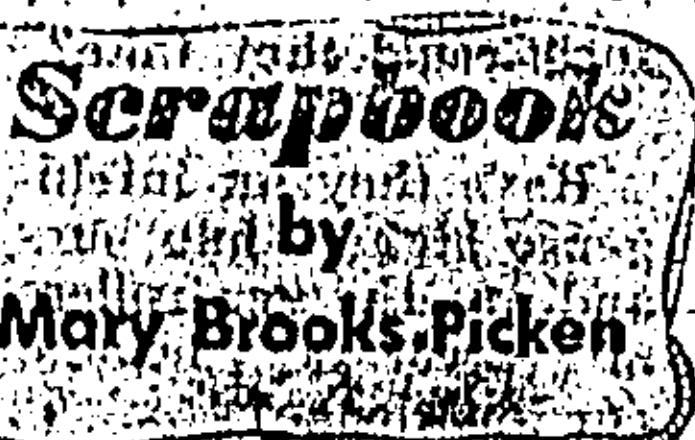


This new tubular silhouette cocktail dress with tiered draped skirt is in navy silk striped satin. Bodice clips are chintz stones. It was designed in New York. London Knitwear Service

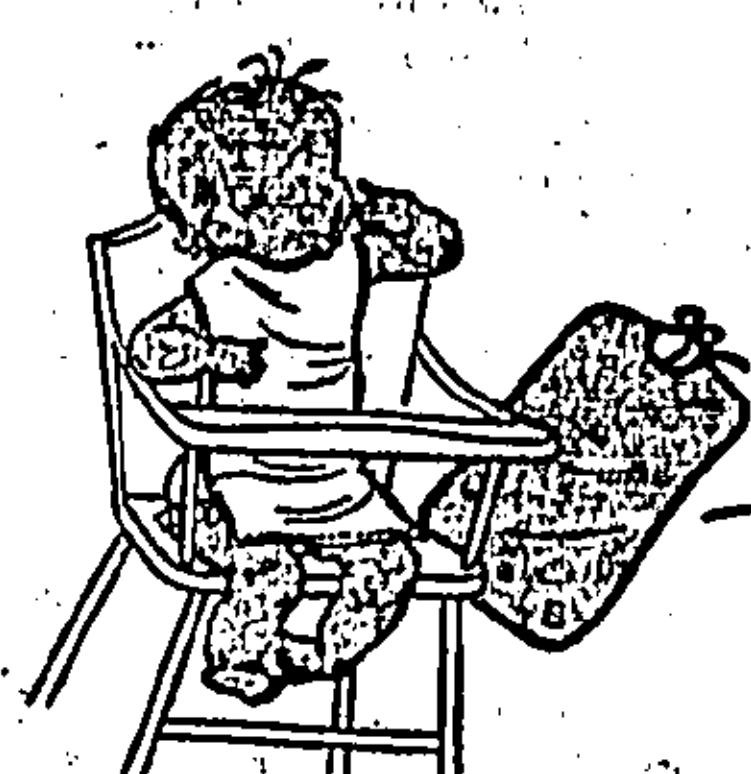
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After ten years of experiments, a Wiesbaden, Germany, doctor asserts that he can determine the sex of unborn children by examining the mother's eyes.

The Lewiston, Maine, parents of a six months' old son announced that he, toddled with his mother's aid at the age of eight days, and now loves to run, not walk, about the house himself.



Bibs for Babies Make Charming Gifts



lin dish towels. They measure approximately 18" x 30".

Take three of largest ones for bibs. Fold each into three sections, each 12" x 18", as in A-Cut on folds.

Mark Half Circle

Take a tea cup and mark a half circle in the top centre of each piece, as at B. Cut on neck line. Round corners, as at C, if desired.

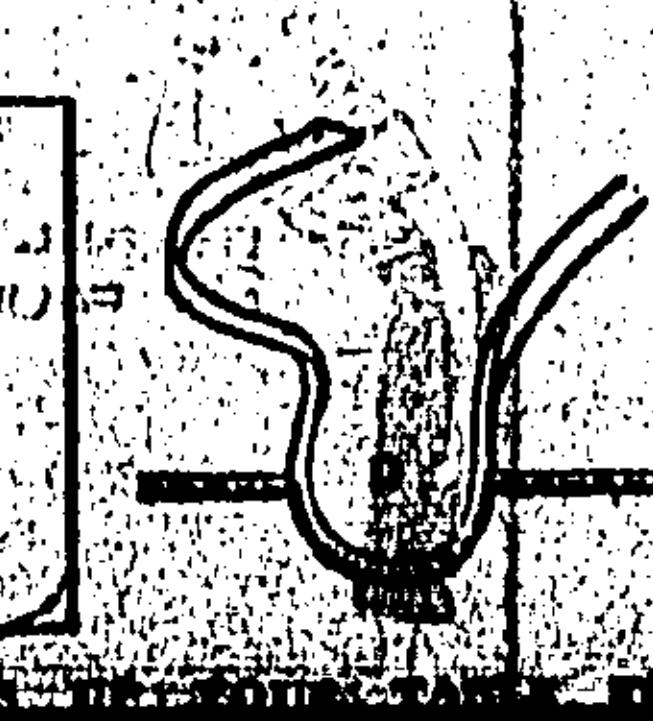
Hem all edges, except neckline, with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " hem. On neck edge, to prevent pulling out, turn raw edge $\frac{1}{4}$ " and stitch length of curve.

Cut matching-colour twill tape into $\frac{1}{4}$ yd. lengths. Place crosswise centre of one length to centre of neck curve. Stitch tape on curve. Then turn tape over seam and stitch again, as at D, so it will hold securely.

Initial for a Gift

If a set of bibs to be given as a gift, put baby's initial in one corner, as illustrated. Also the edge can be bound with contrasting bias tape. Do not embroider "Baby" because well-made bibs last beyond baby days.

Some like to take little terry guest towels, cut half circle at one end for neck, bind neckline with tape, and make bibs of these. Lovely indeed, and only slightly more expensive than dish-towel type.

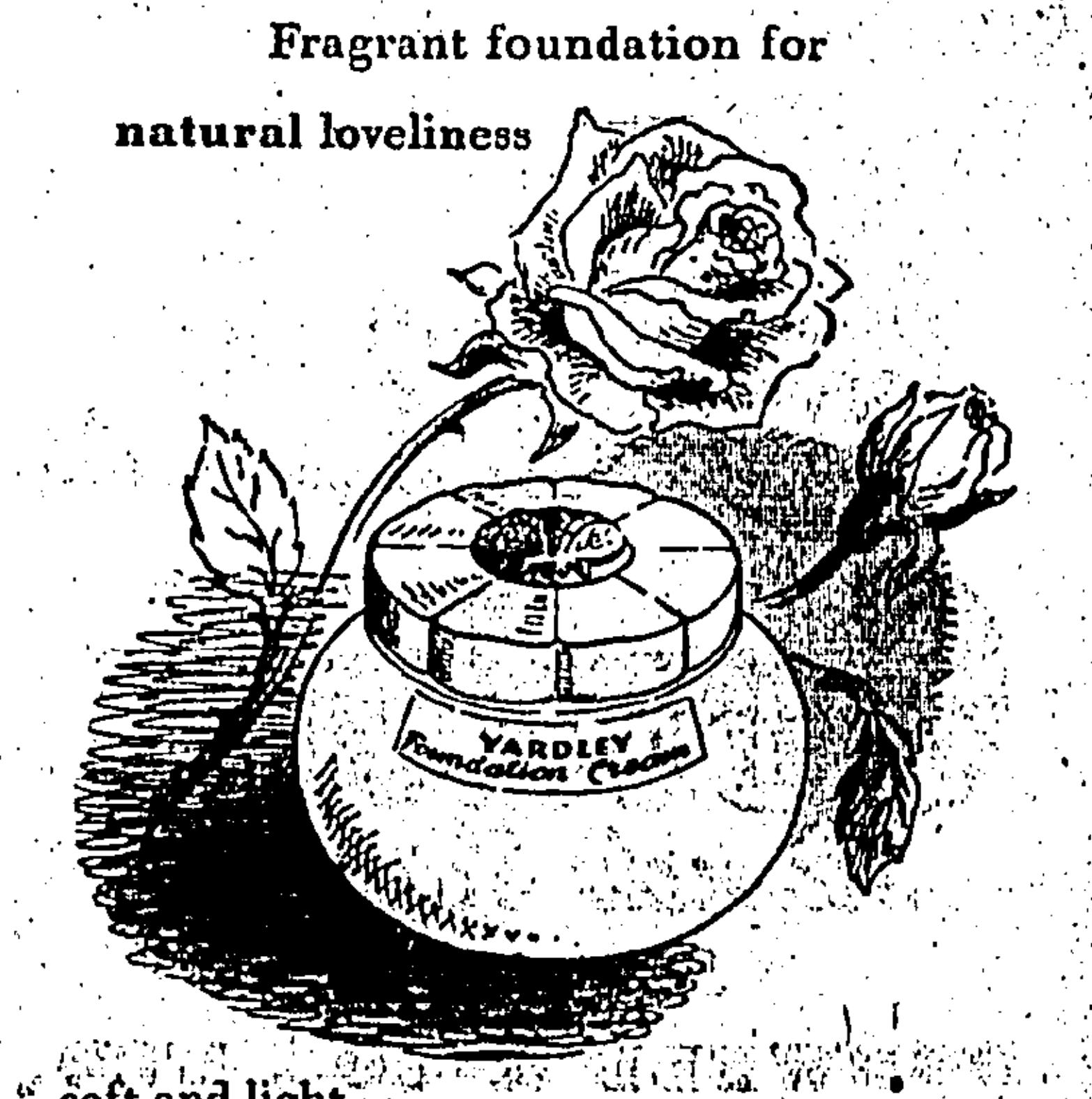
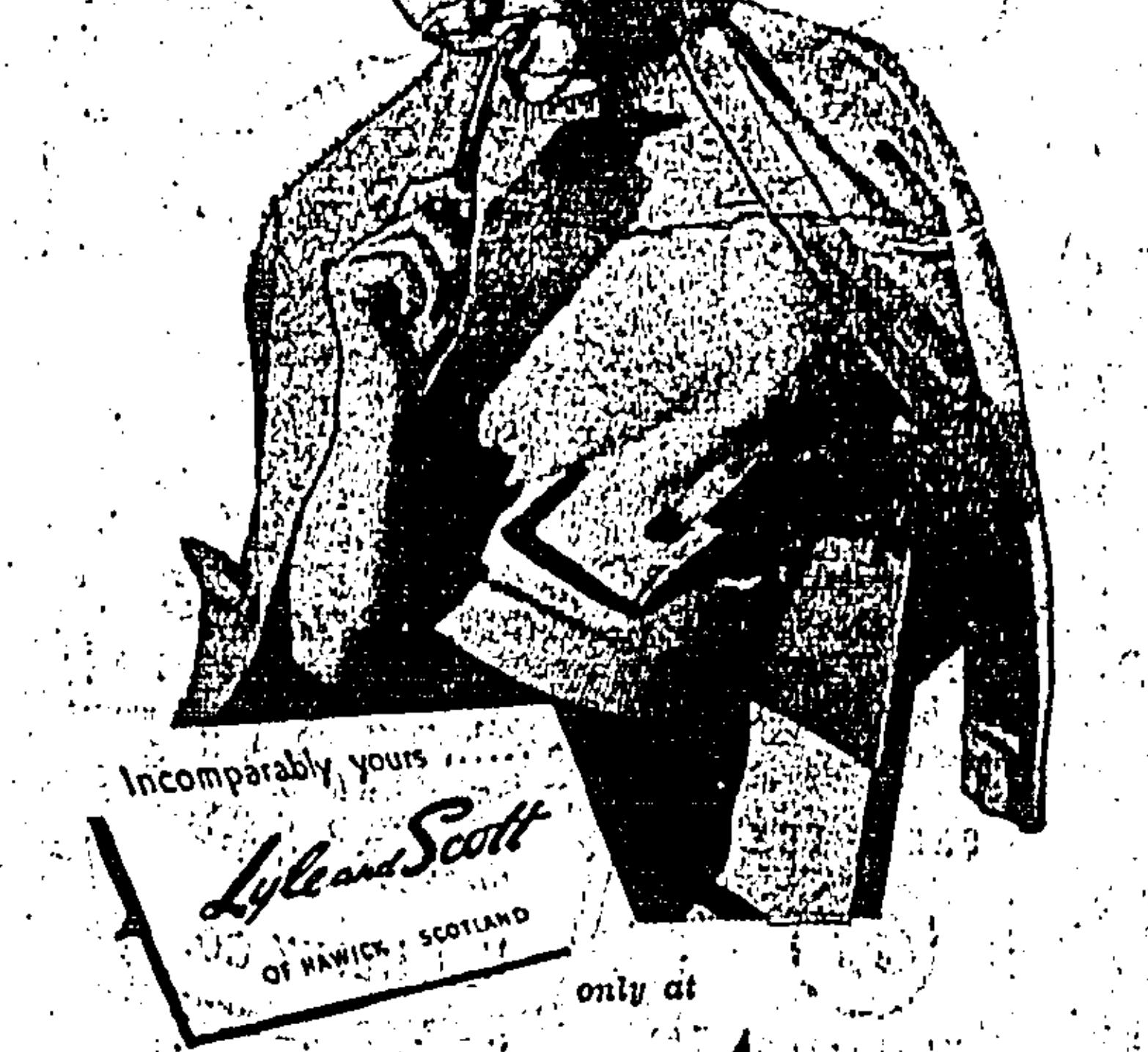


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In the City of Victoria in the
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Yet, that does not mean that they appreciate boots. Boots lack both design and effectiveness. Four members of the team are going to put boots on in the series of matches against Hongkong teams starting on Saturday. The rest are going to play footloose.

Mr B. D. Chatterjee, the team's Trainer, a former All-India player as is the Team Manager, Mr M. Dutta Ray, told me that football was a game only played in India. In other parts of the world a game is played that should correctly be called bootball. The Indians play barefoot. If a toe is stubbed they just tape it over.

Boots, where the Indian players are concerned, are a handicap imposed by bad weather. On a rain-splattered ground from which the mud oozes the Indians play with booz on. On their Burma visit they drew their first two "Tests" 2-2 and 0-0 in the mud. They wore boots as protection against lime and ooze.

Then, as things happen in Burma, everything was sun again and they took their boots off and finished the series with 5-1 and 3-1 victories.

ALL VETERANS
Veterans of countless football tours, they remember only one Burmese player who impressed them. He was Colonel Ba Shwe, well under 40 years of age as Burmese Colonels are, who did well both at inside-right and centre-forward.

The Burmese, they told me yesterday, play the English-type third back game. The Indians have developed their style on that of the European continent. They believe in attacking half-backs.

Their principal impression of football in Burma is that the Burmese, though there were a lot of changes in the four games, always combined well.

Where their Hongkong visit is concerned, they hope for conditions that are not just right for ducks or for boots. The weather-makers were, up to this morning playing the game with them.

The star of the Indian team is S. Nandy—Inside Right or Outside Right—age 30: One of the best players here, can play either in left or right out. A playing member of the E.I.R. Sports Club won the I.F.A. Shield in 1944. Represented "Hindus" in the All-India Quadrangular Football Tournament in 1940. Represented Bengal in the National Championship in 1945 to 1947 and Captain of the side. Was a member of the Olympic Team in 1948.

S. Nandy—Centre forward—age 23: Represented Bengal in the National Championship in 1946, 1947, 1949 and 1950. Was a member of the Olympic Team in 1948 and Ceylon Tour in 1949.

S. Mewall—Centre forward—age 23: Represented Bengal in the National Championship in 1946, 1947, 1949 and 1950. Was a member of the Olympic Team in 1948 and Ceylon Tour in 1949.

T. Sammugham—centre of left half—age 27: Member Bangalore Police Club winning Bangalore League in 1944. Represented Mysore Province in the National Championship from 1943 to 1947 and captained the side in 1946 and 1947. Member of the Indian team for Ceylon Tour in 1949.

P. B. A. Salih—Outside Left—age 26: Member of the East Bengal Club and Captain of the team which won the Triple Crown in 1949 and 1950. Represented Bengal in the National Championship of India in 1946, 1947 and 1950. A very good left-out. Represented the Travancore University in 1943.

P. Venkatesh—Outside Right—age 24: Represented Bengal in the National Championship in 1949 and 1950. A playing Member and Captain of the Mohammedan Sp. Club—one of the leading First Division Clubs here and one of the best Right-half backs of the Province. He represented the L.F.A. in many representative games.

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R. Guha Thakurta—Inside Right—age 21: Represented Bengal in the National Championship in 1950 and a playing member of the Mohun Bagan Club.

A. Suttor—Inside Right—age 28: A very good Inside Left player of Mysore Province, now playing in Calcutta and playing member of the Mohun Bagan Club. Represented Bengal in the National Championship in 1949 and 1950.

M. Papen—Full back—age 22: Good full-back represented Bombay Province in the National Championship from 1946 to 1947 and in 1949 and 1950. A member of the Indian team in 1948.

H. Chandan Singh—Centre half—age 25: A very good centre-half and played for the Army in the National Championship in 1950.

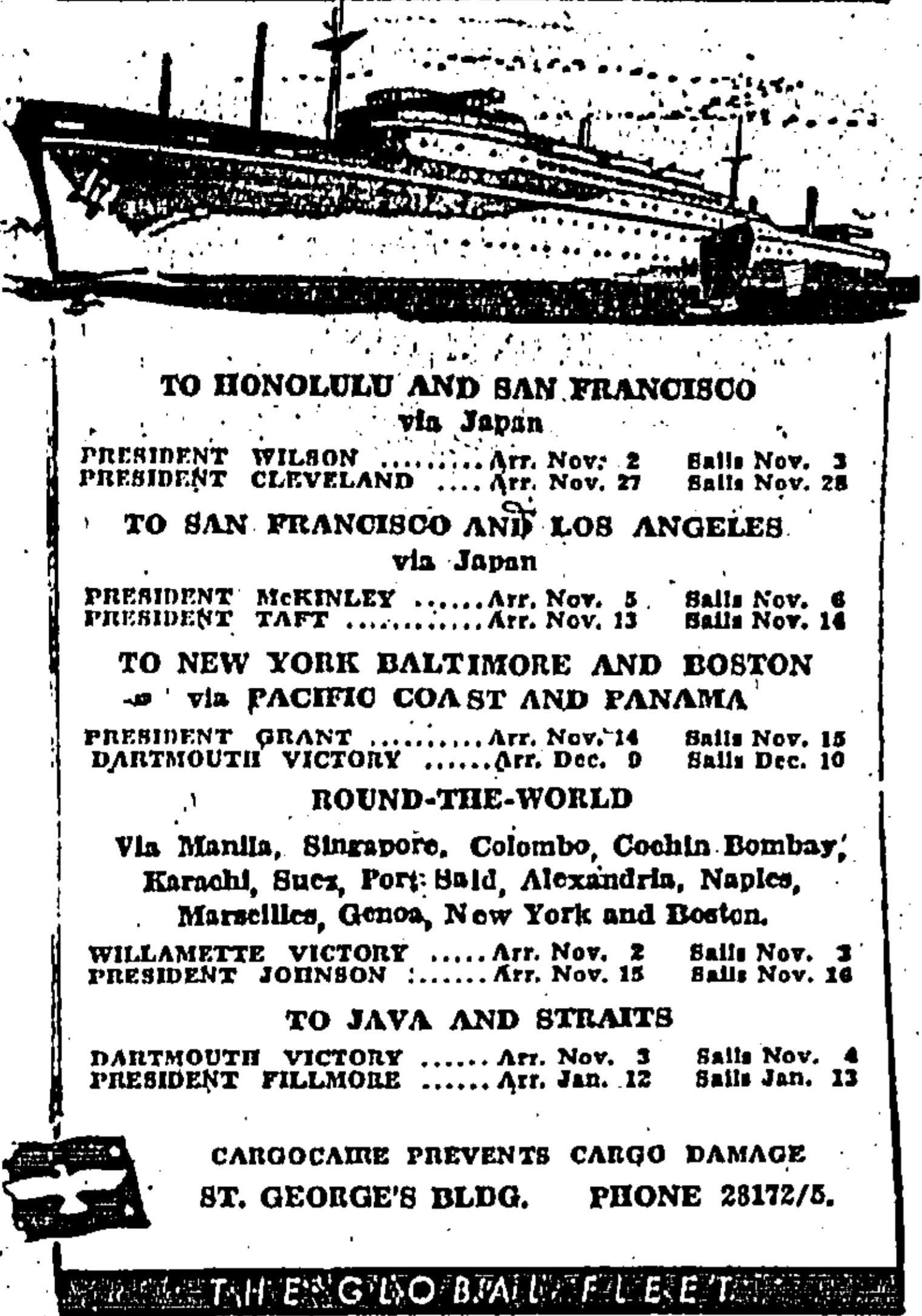
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The Indians are all quite good in their football, though they cannot all play tennis. Some start at 10 a.m.

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ONCE more the question of a new head matron for Narkover has arisen, the one engaged last term having run off with an auctioneer. She was, perhaps, too young and attractive for her duties, which include keeping the matrons of the various houses in order. But to this criticism Dr Smart-Alick replies, "We like them young. It is easier to get them used to the traditions of our great school." Applicants for the post include one proposed by the headmaster himself, Mlle. Rainette Portevoix, late of the Brûle Morte, in the Rue Romagne. The governors wish to know what qualifications for head matron a twenty-seven-year-old Parisian cabaret artist can possibly have. Dr Smart-Alick is trying to think of the right answer.

Dr Rhubarb: Article III

MUMBOJUMBO rejects everything which is not, as it were, non-existent. Its central doctrine is: I do not think, therefore I am not. Having assumed that nobody thinks he is, because nobody thinks he is, but only thinks that he thinks he is, Mumbojumbo has to meet the objection of the Abracadabrists,

who reply: "If you think that you are thinking, you are thinking." "No," says Mumbojumbo, "you confuse—think with imagination." Thought comes from the cerebellum, called "Imagination" from Hochstetter's gland. You can imagine without thinking, just as you can think without imagining. If nobody is, then nothing is, which is the pure Neutalism of Pierre Tombale." To this, the Abracadabrists answer: "You are confusing Being with Existence, and therefore are merely debasing Jopluk's Law of Non-Being." Thus the debate wears on.

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DUMB-BELLS

THE LEADER SYNDICATE
THE PLAY WHERE'S THAT
WAS PRODUCED IN PANTOMIME?



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Inadequate Defence Gave Away Contract

By OSWALD JACOBY

"THERE may be other ways to make this contract," writes a Baltimore correspondent, "but I think the way this hand was actually played is the most interesting."

"West decided to lead the only unbid suit, and chose the remarkable opening lead of the ace of clubs. South saw that he was going to have trouble getting to the dummy and therefore dropped the King of clubs." "West" doesn't shift to a different suit, since that would give declarer the chance to take the ace of spades and force entry into the dummy in clubs later on. He therefore led the five of clubs at the second trick. "East" took the queen of clubs, thinking that South had dropped a singleton king. When South followed suit, East realised that South was desperate for entries to dummy. He therefore returned his club immediately, in the hope that the entry would be less useful to declarer at this point than it would be later.

"Dummy won with the ten of clubs, and speedily cashed the

ace of spades.

♦ KQJ53 23
♦ 1032
♦ 8
♦ J1086

♦ 10970 ♠ 82
♦ 2 ♠ A865
♦ 7 ♠ 4
♦ Q942 ♠ 1053
♦ A52 ♠ Q73

(DEALER)

♦ A ♠ KQJ9
♦ AKJ76
♦ K94

N-3 vul

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
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Growing lead — ♠ A

Jack of clubs, on which South discarded the ace of spades!

"Now dummy could cash the king and queen of spades, South discarding low diamonds.

"Declarer then abandoned the spades in order to knock out the ace of hearts. He therefore made his contract with two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs."

The play is very interesting, and declarer is to be congratulated for his very skilful play of a rather doubtful contract. I am afraid the defenders didn't deserve quite as much credit.

If West had made the normal opening lead of a spade, South would probably still be playing the hand. Even when West opened the ace of clubs, the defence was not lost.

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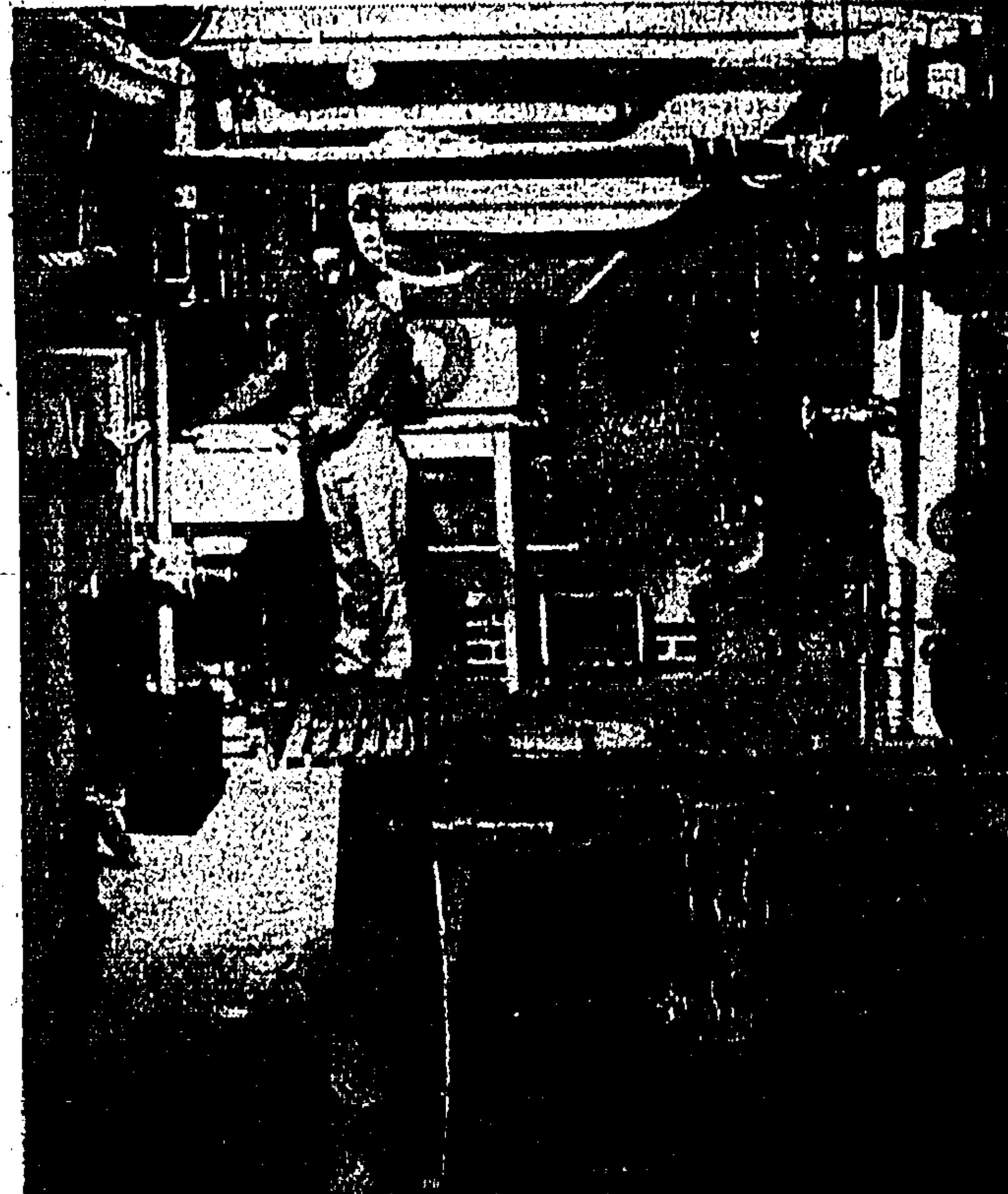
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Visitors view the penguins through triple-glass panes which are kept free of moisture. The public space is kept dim in contrast to the brightly-lit Antarctic interior. A disguised incline at centre of shelf offers traction for the birds to climb ashore.

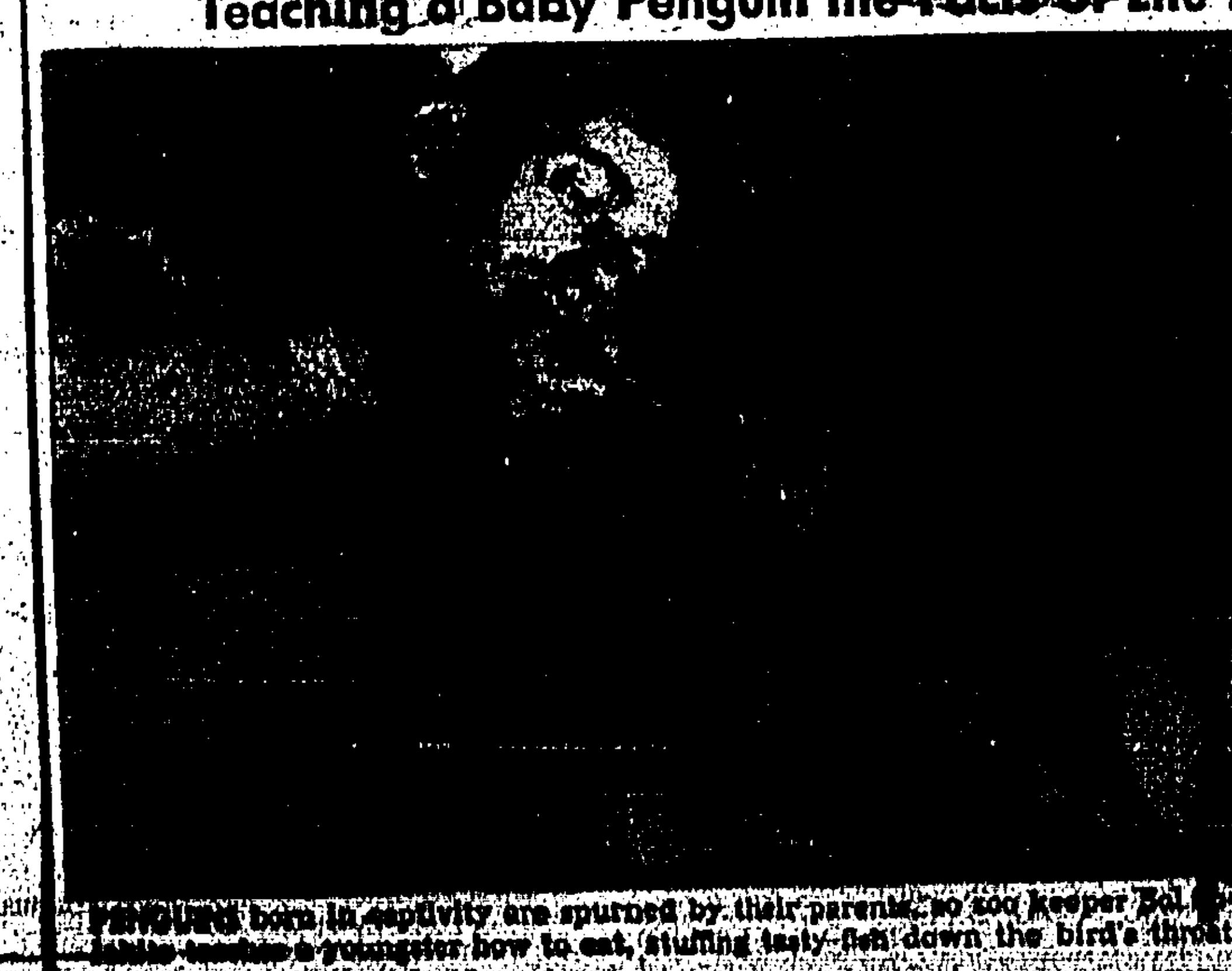


WATER from the pool is cleared and purified by this elaborate filtering system. The water is recirculated from a 7,500-gallon reservoir below the building.

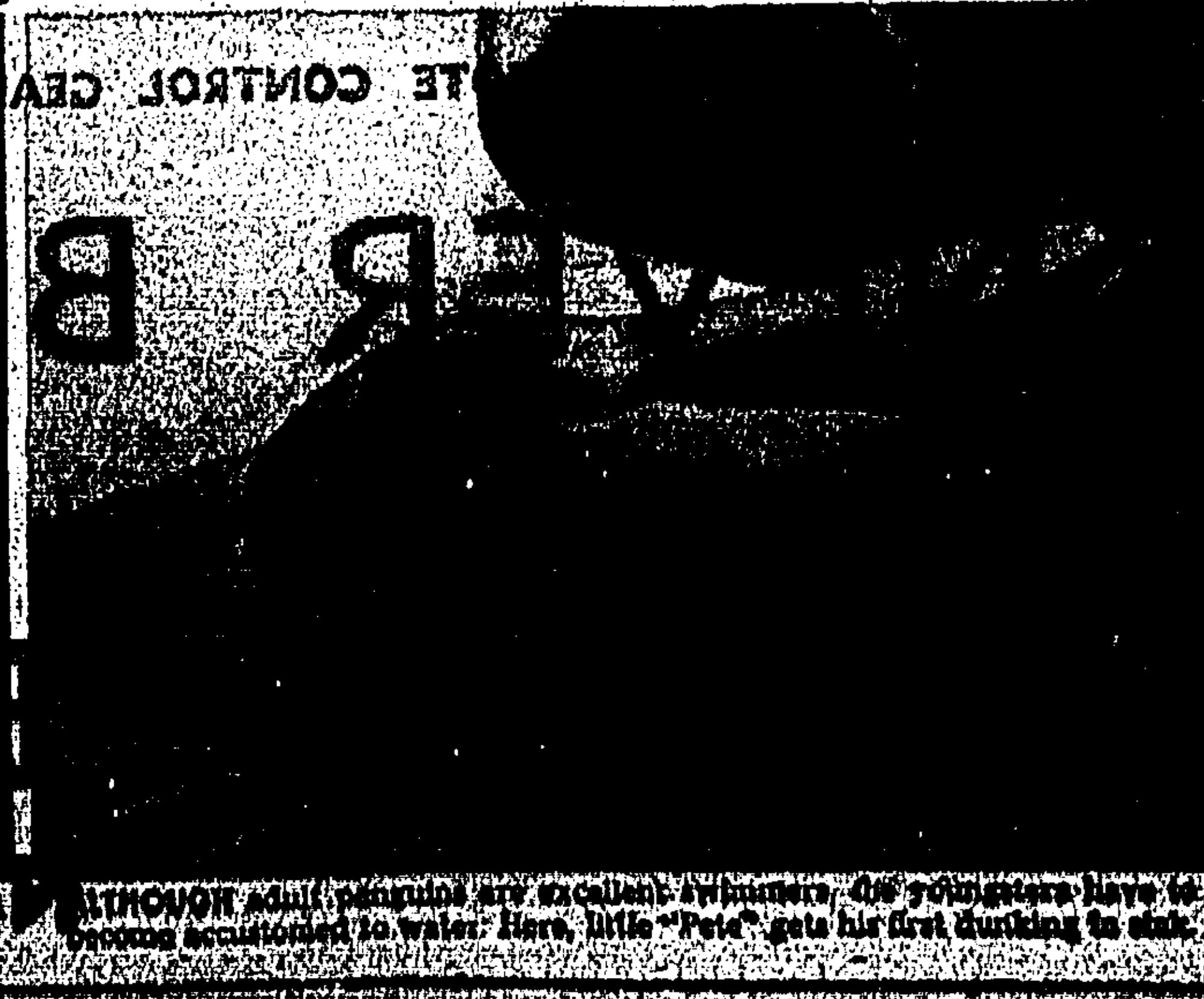


THE PLATE GLASS window in front of the pool extends beneath the water line, so large that even the bulky King penguins can fly while the smaller birds dash about with all the agility that penguins are known to possess but seldom exhibit.

Teaching a Baby Penguin the Facts of Life Becomes the Job of a Zoo Keeper When the Youngster's Mother Refuses to Take Care of Him



BABY penguins are spurned by their parents so zoo keeper Mrs. Ruth K. H. Kuhn takes on the task of rearing them, including feeding them down the bird's throat.



THE CONTROL CEE

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PENGUIN PARADISE

IDEALLY attired penguins of Antarctica have any goal in life—and why shouldn't they?—it's to live in the lush splendour of the newly-built Penguin House in the Bronx Zoo, New York.

Ideally refrigerated at -63 degrees, the US\$75,000 building contains every comfort for its flightless inmates. The headwalters of the bird world have their own private swimming pool, 24 feet long and eight feet wide. Thick glass panels allow the pampered Blackfeet, Kings and Gentoos to look out at the spectators. A wide concrete ledge simulating an iceberg and backed by a cobalt-blue sky keeps the tenants from becoming homesick. Behind the frosty pinnacles there is a mass of machinery for cooling the air and recirculating purified water.

MEN RUSHING TO BUY SIX SUITS AT ONCE

Housewives, too, join in the big West End rush for woollen goods

by EILEEN ASCROFT

LONDON. SURVEY of 12 leading London stores reveals soaring sales of women's and men's outerwear, wool underclothing, blankets, carpets, woollen furnishing materials, utility furs and knitting woollen.

It is the male shopper who is leading the rush, scared by stories of woollen suits rising to £30 and the possible shortage of good utility clothes.

Ever since increases in raw wool prices were announced and it became clear that the cost of many woollen articles would rise, stores have reported increased sales and more customers.

OFF THE PEG

One large store, catering for both men and women, reports more male customers than women through its doors during the last weeks. Men's suits are selling three times as many as normally, men who usually buy one suit are buying two, in some cases four, and many customers are ordering six or seven at a time instead of their usual one a season.

There is a tendency, too, for the former made-to-measure customer to stock up with several good quality ready-to-wear suits off the peg.

Men's overcoats are selling in three times their normal numbers. Supplies of gaberdine raincoats and West of England dual-purpose coats cannot meet the demand.

Many men who do not need new suits at present are laying in stocks of suit lengths, particularly medium-weight worsteds and suitings at £4-2/- a yard.

"We've never been so busy in the whole history of the store," reports one women's coat buyer.

able prices," and the third: "I don't really need them, but you never know. When the last war started I had no stocks of anything."

FUR COATS, TOO

The buyer of another store told me they had had to institute an unofficial rationing scheme for blankets to prevent large buying up of utility for later resale. The same store reports very early Christmas buying of toys, caused by fear of rising prices, and big sales of baby's wool layettes and prams due to possible future shortage of wool and metals.

Utility fur coats have never been in such demand. Women know that prices will shoot up after present stocks are exhausted by as much as 40 per cent.

One of the biggest fur stores in London has managed to meet demands to date, but they hope it will ease soon, as future supplies are uncertain. The managing director told me today that he prepared normal stock to last the whole winter but when the rush started it was cleared in 10 days. Chief request is for hard-wearing full-length coats.

BLANKETS BOOM

So big has been the demand for wool coats, costumes and frocks in one shop that supplies have become a serious problem. "Difficultly these days," the buyer told me, "is not to get customers but merchandise."

Blankets are household top-sellers. A check on three of the biggest blanket departments in the West End reveals doubled sales and barely enough utility to meet demand.

Women know that when present stocks are exhausted prices are bound to rise, and unless the Board of Trade raises the ceiling prices, stocks may become very scarce, as many manufacturers will not be able to produce within those prices and pay the enormously increased price for raw wool.

I asked three women in the blanket section of an Oxford Street store why they were buying. The first said she was buying routine replacements; the second: "My husband says pure wool will disappear at reasonable price."

—London Express Service

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Rupert's Climbing Adventure 9

A Very Remarkable Island

—Or It Grew Some Very Strange Trees

By MAX TRELL

"YES," General Tin was saying to Knarf and Handi, the Shadows with the turned-about names. "I once lived on an island where the most remarkable plants and flowers used to grow."

"Like apple and peach and plum trees?" said Handi.

"Like geranium plants, and rose bushes and plants like that," said Knarf.

General Tin shook his head. "Nothing like those common kind of plants and trees at all. This island had only—as I said before—the most remarkable plants and trees and flowers. For instance, right in front of the house where I lived, there grew a gigantic electric fan tree."

"An electric fan tree!" exclaimed Knarf and Handi. "In absolute astonishment."

A Warm Day

"Exactly. The leaves whirled round and round, causing a fine cool breeze to blow into my parlour. On a warm day it was delightful to have my electric fan tree going. In the winter-time, of course, all the leaves fell off, so it made no spool. And the vine branches, which were as thin as thread, wound themselves around and around the spool. I also had a scissortree, a thimble tree and an inch plant!"

Knarf and Handi both agreed that the electric fan tree must indeed have been a wonderful tree to have.

Can't we grow one?

"No," said General Tin. "Of course. Only, I wasn't called a thread plant." It was called a spool vine. The bottom of the vine was shaped like a spool. And the vine branches, which were as thin as thread, wound themselves around and around the spool. I also had a scissortree, a thimble tree and an inch plant!"

Knarf wanted to know.

Remarkable Plant

"An inch plant," said General Tin. "But the church is one of the most remarkable plants in my garden. It grew straight up, like a ruler. When it was twelve inches high it became a foot. I mean to say, a foot high. When it grew three feet high, it became a yardstick. It was a very handy plant. You just broke it off and went around measuring things."

"Can't we grow any of them either?"

"No, Knarf, we can't. They don't grow in our gardens."

"Why don't they?"

"Because," answered General Tin, "they have to be watered with blue rain. And the rain that falls here isn't blue. It's just water, which isn't any colour at all. If we could grow the most wonderful and remarkable things, but until it does, we'll have to get all our pins and needles and spools of thread and scissors and buttons and all those other things at the store."

Knarf and Handi really kept looking (unless you looked carefully) like a thorn bush. But though they waited and waited, the thorns weren't the usual

it only rained plain water.

DISCORD OVER NEW CHURCH

Paris.

The opening and consecration of a French church decorated by leading modern artists has aroused a storm of criticism.

The church is Our Lady planned the controversial

of All the Graces, at Assy, church.

Father Devemy, who is himself an artist, said, "I would like to have accepted Picasso's virgin, but it would have confused worshippers."

Father Devemy was sent to Assy 15 years ago suffering from tuberculosis.

He found there was no church for 2,000 invalids in Assy sanatorium, and he asked the French architect Novarina to design one.

The church is like a mountain chalet.

But French artists and art critics say it is the most important church built this century.

Some of the world's best-known artists contributed to the decorations.

Fellow traveller Lurcat, one of the most eminent French tapestry artists, designed a 133-foot square tapestry representing the struggle of life and death.

Experts say the church is worth nearly £1,000,000 as a museum of modern art.

All the artists gave their work without payment.

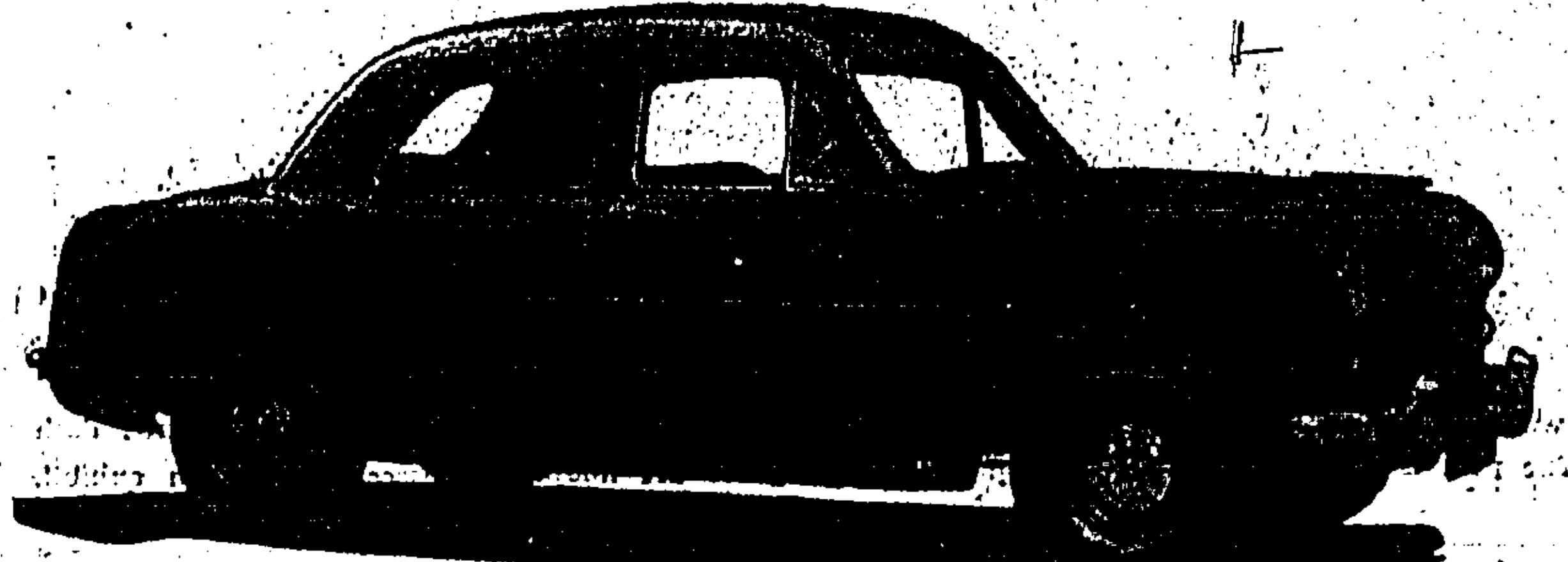
Communist Pablo Picasso was asked to design a virgin. He produced an abstract face, looking two ways at once.

The Picasso virgin was rejected by Father Devemy, who

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Today In The World Of Business

Trade, The Pound
And The Dollar

By NORMAN CRUMP, Sunday Times City Editor
(Special to the China Mail)

The official statement on Britain's external balance of payments for the first half of 1950 shows that while we had a trading surplus of £52 million, we added £262 million to our gold and dollar reserves. Favourable though it is, this discrepancy clearly needs some explanation, the more so as in our trade with the dollar area alone we had, by a strange but inverse coincidence, a deficit of £52 million.

Actually there is not one but several explanations. First of all there are receipts under the European Recovery Programme. These brought us in a gross amount of £140 million in dollars. Next there were the dollar earnings of the rest of the sterling area. Including in these the proceeds of newly minted gold and also ERP loans to Eire, these brought in a net £120 million in dollars, which the other sterling area countries banked with us. This of course is a major cause of the increase of £200 million during these six months in the sterling balances held in London by the rest of the sterling area.

Receipts from ERP and the dollars banked with us by the rest of the sterling area add up to £275 million of dollars received by us. Deducting the £52 million representing the deficit in our own trade with the dollar countries, we are left with £223 million. The final item consisted of various capital transactions, which brought us in a net £39 million. This completes the sum which ends in the addition of £252 million to our gold and dollar reserves.

MARSHALL AID.

This is satisfactory, as far as it goes. It gives a useful start to Mr Gaitskell, now that he has taken over the Exchequer. Again, whatever history may say of Sir Stafford Cripps' general policy, it must admit that during his term of office our gold and dollar losses were turned into gains.

Nevertheless, we must not forget the first main cause of the increase in our reserves during the first half of this

Depressing day
on 'Change

London, Oct. 31. War news from Tibet and Korea, plus Labour Government plans for permanent economic controls in Britain depressed the London Stock Exchange.

Industrial shares were mixed, with many leaders fractionally lower at the close.

British Government bonds slumped fractions on reports—confirmed after the end of the trading session—of new offerings of Treasury securities.

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year, namely, our receipts under Marshall Aid. Still less must we forget the £120 million of dollars which we received not on our own account but as bankers for the rest of the sterling area. Actually this is not the end of the story. The rest of the sterling area banked with us a further £86 million which they earned from countries outside the dollar area, while various capital transactions added an additional £55 million to their bankings with us. Thus the gross amount banked was £280 million. Against this the rest of the sterling area bought from us £280 million more than they sold us. To cover this difference they drew £80 million from us. The final result therefore was that they added £200 million to their sterling balances in London.

THE STERLING AREA

These facts bear out what I said, a fortnight ago, that the centre of gravity of our external finance might be shifting from the dollar to the sterling area. Events since June 30 last accentuate this change in our position. The rises in the prices of "wild" rubber and tin have undoubtedly added to the dollar earnings of the rest of the sterling area, but they must equally have added to the size of the area's sterling balances. The increase of £119 million in our gold and dollar reserves since June 30 must be largely due to this cause.

These facts have a direct bearing upon the question of the pound's future value, recent talk about the possible revaluation of the pound never had much basis, and it has now died down. No one suggests that the pound will never be devalued, but the time for this is far off, if ever.

We still do, however, have the problem of defining the right time to spend money abroad. The Greek and Chinese purchases of foreign currencies are the

Pakistan's

Cotton Crop

Karachi, Oct. 31. A revised forecast of the yield of the cotton crop in Pakistan during the year 1949-50 allows an increase of 25.6 percent. The increase is in respect of American varieties of 22.7 percent.

The yield is estimated at 1,242,000 bales of 400 pounds each against last year's yield of 980,000 bales.—Associated Press.

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Raid On Opium Divan

TEN CHINESE IN COURT

A Police party led by Sub-Insps. Anderson and Gingles of the Emergency Unit, raided a large opium divan at 69 Hollywood Road, third floor, in the vicinity of the Central Police Station, last night when 10 persons including the divan keeper and a female smoker were rounded up.

Before Mr Reynolds at Central this morning Cheung Fuk, 30, unemployed, was charged with being the keeper of the divan while Law Sui-nugun, 20-year-old female refugee from Hunan and eight others were charged with smoking.

Sub-Insps. Anderson, in evidence, said, at 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday, he and Sub-Insps. Gingles and a party of Police carried out a raid on 69 Hollywood Road. On entering, the pre-mises were being used as opium divan in which there was a crowd of people. On seeing the Police, most of the inmates tried to run away, but four of them were arrested. Inside the premises were 22 lamps still burning and there were nine beds.

The first defendant was one of the four persons arrested and on being questioned who was the divan keeper, all pointed to the first defendant.

Sub-Insps. Gingles said that during the raid he saw two of the men carrying parcels and when he dashed to one of them, he dropped the parcel and ran away. The parcel was found to contain 10 opium pipes.

The first defendant told the Court that formerly he had been an opium divan keeper but was not keeping it at the time of the raid. He said that the pipes and lamps were left to him some time ago.

Found guilty, the first defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour, four of the smokers arrested including the woman were each fined \$100 on four weeks, two smokers with previous convictions were each fined \$200 or six weeks, while three others were discharged.



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